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SUBJECT: PAPAVER BRACTEATUM

1. RECENTLY SAODAP CONCLUDED A CONTRACT WITH THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE, REHOVOT, ISRAEL. WEIZMANN IS TO PURCHASE 25 TONS OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM, A TYPE OF POPPY, FROM THE TARAS COMPANY IN TEHRAN, SHIP IT TO ISRAEL, AND PROCESS IT ON A COMMERCIAL SCALE, USING THE FACILITIES OF THE PLANTEX ALKALOID EXTRACTION LABORATORY. ALL THEBAINE EXTRACTED FROM THE BRACTEATUM WILL BE SENT TO THE US. THE USG WILL ALSO OBTAIN FULL OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE

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PRIVILEGES FOR ALL RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE, CONVERSION

TECHNIQUES, EXTRACTION PROCEDURES AND PRODUCTION COSTS FROM BOTH WEIZMANN AND PLANTEX. THE CONTRACT IS TO BE COMPLETED BY 1 JANUARY 1974. DR. DAVID LAVIE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT FOR WEIZMANN.

2. THE AIM OF THIS CONTRACT IS TO OBTAIN THE RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF COMMERCIAL EXTRACTION OF THEBAINE FROM BRACTEATUM AND TO DETERMINE THE CONCENTRATION OF THEBAINE IN THE WILD IRANIAN BRACTEATUM. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE RESULTING THEBAINE WILL BE USED OTHER THAN FOR RESEARCH IN THE US.

3. THIS CONTRACT IS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY AND IS IN NO WAY AN INDICATION OF A POLICY DECISION BY THE USG CONCERNING PAPAVER BRACTEATUM. TEHRAN HAS RECOMMENDED NOT REPEAT NOT INFORMING GOT OF LSG FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN PURCHASE OF BRACTEATUM EXCEPT IN MOST INFORMAL WAY TO TARAS COMPANY.

4. RECOMMEND GENEVA NOT REPEAT NOT INFORM BRAENDEN OR UN OF PURCHASE AND RESEARCH AT THIS TIME. WHITE HOUSE POLICY COMMITTEE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING QUESTION OF SEPTEMBER BRACTEATUM MEETING IN TEHRAN AND APPROPRIATE TIME TO RELEASE INFORMATION CONCERNING RESEARCH AND US POLICY. ROGERS

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